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SUBJ: VISIT OF VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTER

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1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MAY 2 ANNOUNCED THAT VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTER VO NGUYEN GIAP LEFT POLAND APRIL 30 (REF A). HIS NINE-DAY TOUR OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS IN WARSAW, BYDGOSZCZ, KRAKOW, AND GDANSK ENDED WITH MEETINGS WITH GIEREK AND JAROSZEWICZ ON APRIL 29. ACCORDING TO THE APRIL 26 EDITION OF ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, TALKS ON MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY WERE HELD DURING THE VISIT BETWEEN BRIGADIER GENERAL HOANG VAN THAI AND THE POLISH VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ZBIGNIEW NOWAK.

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2. COMMENT: THE LACK OF POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS IN THE EXTENSIVE ACCOUNTS OF GIAP'S VISIT SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL. POLISH AND VIETNAMESE PUBLIC COMMENTARY WAS ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL THROUGHOUT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VIETNAM'S EXPRESSION OF EQUAL GRATITUDE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE BY GENERAL LE QUANG HOAS, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE HEAD POLITICAL COUNCIL OF THE VIETNAMESE

ARMY, AT A FRIENDSHIP RALLY ON APRIL 27. AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM WAS NOT MENTIONED, ALTHOUGH ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI OF APRIL 29 REPORTED THAT GIAP GREETED POLISH SEAMEN BOMBED IN HANOI HARBOR BY THE "IMPERIALIST PIRATES" IN 1972.

3. FOLLOWING HIS ECONOMIC TALKS, GIAP SAID VIETNAM'S FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN FINDING RAW MATERIALS. IT IS UNLIKELY ANY DETAILS WERE DISCUSSED, AS INDICATED BY GIAP'S COMMENT WHICH APPEARED IN ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI OF APRIL 25 THAT HIS TALKS WOULD BE USEFUL IN FORMING CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE POLISH-VIETNAMESE COOPERATION. END COMMENT.
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